mendation is in advance stage of consideration. Simultaneously, steps are being taken to make the Administration more open and transparent even within the existing statutory/administrative frame work. Necessary instructions in this regard have accordingly been issued to all Ministries/Departments. The Ministeries/ Departments with a public interface in Delhi have also been asked to set up Information and Facilitation Counters.

Revision of Pay Scales of CSS and DANICS Section Officers

1777. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status regarding revision of (i) pay scales of the Section Officers belonging to the CSS and DANICS and

(ii) The Desk Officer Allowance for the Desk Officers in the CSS;

(b) since when these matters are under consiueration of Govenment and what are the reasons for delay in their finalisation;

(c) by when these issue will settled; and

(d) the date from which the revised Desk Officer Allowance would be paid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) The matter relating to grant of higher pay scales to DANICS and DANIPS officers and grant of Desk Officer Allowance to CSS officers is under the consideration of Government.

(b) the report of the Fifth Central Pay Commission was submitted to the Government on 30th January, 1997 and thereafter all recommendations of Fifth Central Pay Commission are being processed in due course. Keeping in view the complexities involved in this case, an immediate decision was not feasible.

(c) and (d) These issues are under consideration of the Government but an indication of the time likely to be taken in deciding them does not seem feasible.

Investigation of Cases by CBI

1778. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases investigated by CBI during last five years; and

(b) the number in cases in which prosecution was launched and the number of cases in which prosecution resulted in conviction of the accused person and the number of cases in which trial is still pending, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) A Statement is enclosed below.

Statement

Investigations of Cases by CBI

S.No.		1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
1.	Total No. of cases investigated	2627	2737	2974	3078	3049
2.	No. of cases in which prosecution launched in the court	608	695	625	545	576
3.	No. of cases resulted in conviction	213	188	187	214	292
4.	No. of cases pending trial	4744	5439	5434	5627	5858

Transfer of Cases from Sepcial Courts to Regular Courts

1779. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued an order to transfer certain cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act to the regular court from the special court designated for trial of those cases;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the designated court refused to comply with the order; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken to implement the Government order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GREIVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) When it was brought to the notice of the Central Government that some State Governments were exercising powers not in accordance with certain provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, a circular was issued in December 1998 to all the State Governments, who were inter alia requested to bring to the notice of the Central Government any such thing which may require approval of the Central Government.

As per the provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 where there are more Speical Judges than one for an area, only the Central Government is competent to specify which one of them would try a particular offence specified under the said Act. In pursuance of the above provision the Central Government, *vide* its Notification, No. 371/69/98-AV-D.III (II), dated 5.2.1999, has specified the offences/cases to be tried by the different Special Judges in the city of Chennai.

(c) and (d) The Notification referred to above in (a) and (b) has since been challenged in the Supreme Court and the matter is, therefore, sub-judice.

लोक शिकायत विभाग को प्राप्त शिकायतें

1780. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारत सरकार के लोक शिकायत विभाग को पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान कुल कितनी शिकायतें प्राप्त हुईं और उनमें से कितनी शिकायतों का निपटारा कर लिया गया है;